THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement of circuits-cum-destinations proposed for intensive development is attached (*See* below).

(c) Surveys have been commissioned to assess the infrastructural facilities required at these circuits-cum-destinations in order to cater to increased tourist inflows. Action on developing these circuits-cum-destination would be taken on the basis of these surveys.

Statement

Travel Circuits

1. Kulu-Manali-Leh
2. Gawalior-Shivpuri-Orcha- Khajuraho
3. Bagdogra-Sikkim-Darjeeling-Kalimpong
4. Bhubaneswar-Puri-Konark
5. Hydcrabad-Nagarjunasagar- Tirupati
6. Madras-Mahabalipuram-Pondicherry
7. Rishikesh-Narender Nagar-Gangotri-Badrinath
8. Indore-Ujjain-Maheshwar- Omkareshwar-Mandu
9. Jaisalmer-Jodhpur-Bikaner-Barmer

Destinations

1. Lakshadweep Islands
2. Andaman Islands
3. Manali (Solang/Nalah)
4. Bekal Beach
5. Muttukadu Beach
6. Kangra (Pong Dam)

द्वीपीय सैरगाहों का विकास

743. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल
डा० वापू कालदाते :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री 25 नवम्बर, 1991 और 2 दिसम्बर, 1991 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न क्रमश: 214 और 930 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने विदेशी पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करने के लिए द्वीपीय सैरगाहों संबंधी एक आकर्षित करने के लिए द्वीपीय सैरगाहों संबंधी एक योजना बनाई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना के अंतर्गत कौन-कौन से द्वीपों का विकास किया जाएगा ; और

(ग) विदेशी पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करने के लिए अन्य कौन-कौन सी योजनायें बनाई गई ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) लक्षद्वीप में थिकारा और चेरियम में द्वीप विहार-स्थल के विकास के लिए निविदायें आमंत्रित की गई हैं।

(ग) इनमें शामिल हैं—पर्यटन आधारिक संरचना का सुधार, पर्यटन आकर्षणों का विविधिकरण, नए यात्रा परिपथों का विकास, प्रचार और विपणन कार्यकलापों को सुदृढ़ करना और पर्यटन क्षेत्र का समग्र सुधार।

Purchase of cheaper aircrafts for VVIPs

744. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to buy cheaper aircrafts for use of VVIPs for their visits in the country and for their foreign tours;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the number and type of the aircrafts proposed to be purchased, the cost involved and the anticipated period of delivery of the aircrafts, the manner in which these aircrafts would be utilised when not in use; and

(c) the extent to which the annual expenditure is anticipated to be economised as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of special area development authority

745. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set-up a Special Area Development Authority to promote Tourism in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would include Kanyakumari in the circuit-cum-destinations for promotion of tourism because of its national importance as a tourist centre?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The scheme of Special Tourism Areas envisages constitution of a Special Area Development Authority in each of the areas by the State Governments. However, the details of the scheme have still to be worked out in consultation with different State Governments.

Proposals for tourism village in Delhi and other States

746. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to build a tourism village near the Qutab Hotel in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the other places in the country where there are proposals to construct tourism villages, and what are the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to build one such tourism village in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The Central Department of Tourism have not listed any proposal during the current year for Central financial assistance for the setting up of tourism villages in states including Andhra Pradesh.

Places under special tourism area scheme

747. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places in Andhra Pradesh which are identified under Special Tourism Area Scheme; and

(b) what improvement Government propose to make under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The details of the scheme for Special Tourism Areas in the counrry have still to be worked out in consultation with different State Governments.

Lack of navigational aids at airports

748. SHRI M. S GURUPADASWAMY:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the airports in the country which are functioning with out-dated equipment and lack navigational aids;